

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
Mansfield Town Hall
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
7:30 pm
Chair: Sue Harrington

- I. Welcome
- II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Bill Thorne, Tom Harrington, Juliana Barrett
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Bicycling in Town Parks: PAC has no authority on Nipmuck Trail parcels and all trails need to provide approval before they can be opened. Forest and Parks need to provide approval for Nipmuck Trail areas.
 - B. Laguardia Property: still in process of being transferred to Town
 - C. Guarnaccia/Meadow Brook Lane, LLC Property – nothing new
 - D. Storrs Center Open Space – parking lot is private property so Town has no jurisdiction here. Decision made to wait until the building is completed but official entry will be by the staircase, not through the parking lot.
 - E. Memorial Bench for Jessi Clark-Merrow Meadow: nothing new to add
 - F. Management Plan Review
 - Fifty Foot – Review plan and discuss at next meeting
 - Schoolhouse Brook Park – nothing new
 - G. Events
 - Winter Tracking Event – January 24th
 - Spring Events
 - a. CT Trails – ideas include Bird Walk on Mother’s Day: possibly Dunhamtown or Dorwart by Harringtons;
Thorne and Barrett may do a field trip in the fall
- V. New Business
 - A. Dunhamtown Forest – new piece that trail needs to go through. This will be a spring event
 - B. Samuel Dodd Award – Griffen might be good candidate for the award
 - C. Election of Secretary – Barrett nominated Secretary – moved by T. Harrington and seconded by Bill Thorne.
- VI. Future Agendas:
 - Need to discuss anything new with properties discussed under Old Business
 - Management Plan for Fifty Foot
 - Samuel Dodd Award
 - Location for Walktober hike (Barrett and Thorne)
- VII. Announcements – we need to put together membership list with emails and phone numbers; meetings will begin at 7pm instead of 7:30 pm.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm